

RMA FORM 5

Submission on publicly notified Proposed

Porirua District Plan

Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991



To: Porirua City Council

1. Submitter details:

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2. This is a **submission** on the **Proposed District Plan** for Porirua.

3. I could I could not
gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
(Please tick relevant box)

If **you could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission please complete point four below:

4. I am I am not
directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
(a) adversely affects the environment; and
(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
(Please tick relevant box if applicable)

Note:

If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

5. I wish I do not wish
To be heard in support of my submission
(Please tick relevant box)

6. I will I will not
Consider presenting a joint case with other submitters, who make a similar submission, at a hearing.
(Please tick relevant box)

Please complete section below (insert additional boxes per provision you are submitting on):

The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:
<p>We feel like the custodians of our land, but we find ourselves in the position that this regime is dictated to us, and not allowing us the management of our forest through pruning and controlling pest species. ECO R7 – states to obtain a report of an ecological assessment if there would be a need to remove a tree in poor health or has fallen over. In addition to that we would have to notify the council and employ an arborist to remove any vegetation on the property. This would be time consuming, costly and unpractical.</p> <p>The citation 215 SNA effects the planting regime we have undertaken over the past 25 years. Including undertaking Pest management like trapping of possums and stoats, shooting goats and rabbits, by maintaining excess to our pest control sites, as well as fencings off trees and certain areas.</p> <p>We have established an ecological area at our initiative with planting thousands of diverse native trees on our land. The council has not helped with any recourses on our end. Their spending was primarily on investigating, mapping and drafting the SNA, limiting the use of our land. We feel our efforts to build an ecosystem is now to our detriment because of more financial burden, effort, time and difficulty that will arise if we would like to subdivide, and the devaluation of our property if we choose to sell.</p> <p>The resource consent process will be on our cost, additional expense for possible ecological assessments and also the financial burden on creating and maintaining the SNA falls to us as the landowner, including the significant Rates increase and at the same time the developability and usability of land in SNA is in question.</p> <p>Fire risk - the provision of 3 meter, that allows clearance for bush for fire risk management are insufficient for the protection of the property. We would suggest a setback of 10 - 20 meters would allow for better management in case of a bush fire.</p>

Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
Oppose
What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
<p>We would like to conclude by asking the council to set aside the SNA restrictions for our site all together, at least repositioning the SNA area and loosening the rules around removing dead and dangerous trees and the removal of indigenous vegetation which is not native to the area and which poses a threat to local vegetation due to invasive nature.</p> <p>NZ fire service suggests that a 10 – 20-meter zone be cleared of thick/dense vegetation for safety, not the provision of 3 meters as stated in the SNA.</p> <p>We have pines on this site, do we need a recourse consent to remove these?</p>
Reasons:

We object to the restriction on how to manage our land. This SNA is unpractical, time consuming, will add more financial burden, effort and it has added another complexity, layer and cost to the recourse consent process if we desire to subdivide and devalued our property if we choose to sell.

The protection as currently described is unworkable and makes the SNA a burden on us, the landowners.

Please return this form no later than **5pm on Friday 20 November 2020** to:

- Proposed District Plan, Environment and City Planning, Porirua City Council, PO Box 50-218, PORIRUA CITY or
- email dpreview@pcc.govt.nz

Signature of submitter

(or person authorised

to sign

on behalf of submitter): Andrea & Karl Simonlehner Date: 18. November 2020

*A signature is not required if you make
your submission by electronic means*